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SUBJ: BRANDT CAUTIONS DUTCH ON DEFENSE CUTS

REF: THE HAGUE 1235 (NOTAL)

1. DURING TELEVISION INTERVIEW APRIL 2, MOD VREDELING  
SAID THAT WILLY BRANDT HAD WARNED DUTCH LABOR PARTY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT ABANDONMENT OF DEFENSE TASKS BY GON  
WOULD DISTURB DUTCH-GERMAN COOPERATION. ANY CUTBACKS  
BY DUTCH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE UP (AGAINST ITS WILL)  
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BY FRG. AN EXPANSION OF FRG DEFENSE TASKS TO COVER

DUTCH DEFICIENCIES WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE AN EFFECT ON SOVIET THINKING REGARDING DETENTE ACCORDING TO BRANDT, WHO LED AN SPD DELEGATION FOR TALKS WITH DUTCH LABOR PARTY AT END OF FEBRUARY.

2. VREDELINGS SAID THAT BRANDT'S WARNING HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITH UNDERSTANDING BY LABOR PARTY BOARD. NOTING THAT NO OBJECTION HAD BEEN VOICED BY DUTCH TO BRANDT'S COMMENTS, VREDELING SAID "SILENCE GIVES CONSENT".

3. COMMENT: SURFACING OF BRANDT'S COMMENTS TO LABOR PARTY BY VREDELING SEEMS TO REPRESENT ANOTHER EFFORT BY DUTCH DEFMIN TO EASE PRESSURES WHICH ALL MINISTRIES FACE IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON BUDGETARY GROWTH. IN RECENT WEEKS VREDELING HAS MADE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS POINTING UP COMPLICATIONS AND DANGERS WHICH WOULD ARISE IF THE DUTCH DEFENSE BUDGET WERE TO BE SUBJECTED TO RESTRICTIONS ON SAME PERCENTAGE BASIS AS OTHER MINISTRIES.  
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